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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF FOUR DEVELOPMENT INSPECTORS- GENERAL

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PRESIDENT SUHARTO JULY 18 ANNOUNCED LONG-RUMORED APPOINTMENT OF FOUR INSPECTORS-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT (IRJENBANG-INSPEKTOR JENGRAL PEMBANGUNAN). SPECULATION HAS CENTERED ON POSSIBILITY THAT THESE NEW POSITIONS WOULD GO TO FORMER PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS (ASPRIS), WHOSE JOBS WERE ABOLISHED FOLLOWING JANUARY 15 RIOTS. HOWEVER, ONLY ONE FORMER ASPRI, MAJGEN SOEDJONO HUMARDANI, HAS BEEN NAMED AN IRJENBANG--FOR DEVELOPMENT AID PROJECTS IN DISTRICTS, CITIES AND RURAL AREAS.

2. OTHERS NAMED WERE: AIR VICE MARSHAL SUTOPO, FORMER KODAM COMMANDER IN UDJUNG AND MABASSADOR TO PAKISTAN, AS INSPECTOR-GENERAL FOR AID PROJECTS IN AUTONOMOUS REGIONS; ARMY MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED) DR SOEDJONO FOR PROJECTS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, HEALTH AND RELATED AREAS; AND E SOEKASAH SOMAWIDJAJA FOR "SECTORAL AND DEPARTMENTAL PROJECTS."

3. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON SOEDJONO HUMARDANI PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT. AVAILABLE INFORMATION
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ON OTHER IRJENBANGS WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH.

4. COMMENT: UNLIKE SOEDJONO HUMARDANI, THREE FORMER PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS NOT NAMED AS IRJENBANGS ALREADY HOLD OTHER POSITIONS OF IMPORTANCE (ALI MURTOPO IS RANKING DEPUTY IN BAKIN, TJOKROPRANOLO IS PRESIDENT'S MILITARY SECRETAR, AND SURO CONTROLS GOVERNMENT-OWNED HOTELS) AND WERE NOT PARTICULARLY IN NEED OF A TITLE. WHILE ALI MURTOPO HAD BEEN OFTEN RUMORED AS A PROSPECTIVE IRJENBANG, HE HIMSELF HAD DENIED WISHING THE POSITION. RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT NAMING THREE ALL-BUT-NONENTITIES AS IRJENBANGS ALONG WITH SOEDJONO WAS INTENDED TO DIFFUSE SPOTLIGHT WHICH WOULD HAVE FOCUSED ON SOEDJONO IF HE ALONE NAMED. RANGE OF DUTIES WHICH IRJENBANGS ARE ACTUALLY TO PERFORM AND PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF NEW POSITIONS REMAIN COMPLETELY UNCLEAR.

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